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SUBJECT:SALE OF HAWK MISSILES TO JORDAN

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1. YOU WILL NOTE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED SEPT 17 IN CERTAIN US PRESS REPORTS RE ARRANGEMENT WE HAVE WORKED OUT WITH CONGRESS ON SALE OF HAWKS TO JORDAN TO EFFECT THAT THE SALE EXCLUDES CERTAIN ELECTRONIC AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT USED TO MAKE THE MISSILES MOBILE.

2. SUCH ALLEGATIONS REFER TO SO-CALLED "ASSAULT FIRE COMMAND CONSOLE" CUSTOMARILY USED TO INCREASE TACTICAL OPERATING FLEXIBILITY OF STANDARD RPT STANDARD HAWK MISSILES. SIMILAR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT DESIGNED FOR USE WITH IMPROVED VERSION OF HAWK DESTINED FOR SALE TO JORDAN WAS UNTIL VERY RECENTLY IN R&D STAGE AND HAS ONLY NOW BEGUN TO BE PRODUCED FOR US FORCES. IT THEREFORE DID NOT RPT NOT FIGURE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH JORDANIANS AT TIME THIS SALE WAS NEGOTIATED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. IT IS NOT RPT NOT INCLUDED IN THE

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SALE, AND WE HAVE CONFIRMED THIS IN OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE

HILL.

3. DEPT WILL DRAW ON FOREGOING IN REPLYING TO PRESS QUERIES
ON THIS ASPECT OF HAWK SALE TO JORDAN. SHOULD JORDANIANS
RAISE IT WITH YOU, SUGGEST YOU DO LIKEWISE. YOU SHOULD
EMPHASIZE, OF COURSE, THAT OUR ARRANGEMENT WITH CONGRESS
INVOLVES NO RPT NO MODIFICATION OF ORIGINAL LETTER OF
OFFER THAT WE WILL SHORTLY BE FORWARDING TO GOJ FOR ITS
ACCEPTANCE.
FOREGOING IS STRICTLY CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE, AND YOU
SHOULD NOT BRING UP SUBJECT UNLESS JORDANIANS DO SO.
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